



**Compost
that Stuff!**

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Cambridge Compost Grant Goals

Collection strategy (truck, containers, generators)

Dense route: 10-15 tons/day, 5-6 days/week

Offer CitySprouts schools compost service in lieu of Styrofoam recycling

A little background first...

Lunch waste sort at **one** school...



School days per year	180
Meals per year	21,600
Number of students	207
Tons food waste per year	6.5
Pounds food waste per day	72
Pounds food waste per student per day35

FY05 MassDEP Technical Assistance Grant...



...to set up purchasing
collaborative for biodegradables.

Compost and clean up your trash

ALL FOOD WASTE

Bones and fat trimmings, dairy products, eggshells, fruits and vegetables, meat, poultry and seafood, rice, beans and pasta, spoiled food

FOOD-SOILED & NON-RECYCLABLE PAPER

Coffee grounds and filters, paper napkins, paper towels, paperboard and other cereal box-type material, tea bags, wet or waxed cardboard

PLANT MATERIAL

Floral drippings, grass clippings, leaves, weeds

OTHER

biodegradable liner bags, made from cornstarch, biodegradable containers, dishware and utensils

NO

branches & tree trimmings, foil candy & butter wrappers, hazardous waste, plastic-coated disposable paper products, such as coffee cups, plates, bowls, frozen food boxes, etc., plastic cups, lids, straws and tableware, plastic gloves & bandages, plastic packaging recyclables, styrofoam and packing peanuts, twist ties, twine & plastic strapping

SOBRAS DE ALIMENTOS

huesos y grasa, productos lácteos, cáscaras de huevos, frutas y vegetales, carne, aves, mariscos, arroz, frijoles, pasta, comida podrida

PAPEL MACHADO O NO RECICLABLE

sobras de café molido y, filtros de café, servilletas y toallas, de papel, cajas de cereales de cartón y, otras similares, bolsas de té, cartón húmedo o encerado

MATERIAL VEGETAL

recortes de flores o césped, hojas, malas hierbas

OTROS

bolsas biodegradables hechas, de maicena, contenedores, cubiertos, etc., que son biodegradables

NO

productos de papel disponibles con una, capa plástica, tales como tazas de café, platos, platos hondos, cajas del alimento, congelado, etc., no ramas o recortes/ restos de árboles, envolturas de aluminio de dulces, o mantequilla vasos, tapas, popotes y cubiertos, de plástico, guantes y vendajes de plástico, paquetes de plástico, ningún artículo o envase con material de "Styrofoam", alambres o cuerdas, material o sustancias peligrosas, material o envases reciclables, basura



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Recruiting Customers

- **Food licensees**
(direct calls, presentations)
- **High** (universities, supermarkets, hotels, labs, industrial food processors)
- **Medium**
(corporate cafeterias & assisted living)
- **Low**
(bars, florists, coffee shops and schools)



Successes, Challenges, & Lessons



Benefits for Sewers...

Grease-blocked pipes
have to be excavated

Target sewer “cloggers”
as composters!

Businesses may see
reduced water bills



Compost is brought to Rocky Hill Farm in Saugus



Next steps...

- Keep recruiting businesses
- Continue to offer service to CitySprouts schools and ultimately all schools
- Explore whether City would mandate participation for large generators given sewer benefits

